

DEC/EC Meeting July 11, 2005

EMIS

Discussion focused on EMIS version 2 which became live on July 6th, and related system problems and suggestions for improvement.

SF-278s

There was a reminder to complete the review of as many 278s as possible in a timely manner. Both the technical and conflict of interest reviews must be complete. In the future we can expect to have internal as well as external audits. A suggestion was made to add EIFs to the tip sheet since employees tend to not check the EIF box on the form.

Official Duties with Outside Organizations

A summary was provided of the July 7, 2005 Interagency Ethics Council (IEC) meeting. Some agencies, such as NIH, sometimes issue 208(b)(1) waivers for an employee's participation in an outside organization's activities, while some agencies (Department of Justice for example) do not. OGE discussed the relevant laws at the IEC meeting and a 1997 Dept. of Justice opinion on this topic.

Regulation Update

Suggestions were discussed on how to handle employee training related to possible regulatory revisions.